

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Shining the Everlasting Light of Our Lord Jesus Christ Let His Light Shine in Us All.

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ADEQUATE

I don't know if it is still true, but years ago Rolls Royce never published the horsepower of their cars. A man bought one of those expensive luxury vehicles. He asked the dealer to contact the company in England and ask about the horsepower in his car. The dealer received this answer from the company. **"Adequate."**

When you think of about it, "adequate" is a powerful word. Webster defines it with these words: **"as much as is needed."** I have to admit I don't understand everything about the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. But I have found that the Holy Spirit is "adequate" for all of my life. He is "as much as is needed" in my life.

Now don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that my life has been easy. It hasn't been. I almost died twice before I was a year old. Even though I survived, the path has not been a smooth one from my birth to the writing of this article.

Like everyone else, I have my bad days. People who promise friendship disappear. Sometimes I don't feel super-duper. I have two bad shoulders, and my mind doesn't always cooperate. Things don't always work out as I plan.

That is life isn't it? You could make up your own list of struggles. But as I sit here at my desk, I can honestly say that I have been blessed in so many ways. On most days I experience joy in my life. I love to laugh, and I try to find reasons to laugh and make others laugh. I have a wonderful son. I have some fantastic friends. I have the privilege of being your "preacher," "pastor," "grass cutter."

I tell you all those things to make this point. The Christ who lives in me, is "adequate." Through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, I have "as

much as is needed" for the circumstances of my life.

I have not always been faithful in my walk with the Lord, but He has been faithful. I have not always loved Him like I should, but He has loved me more than I deserve. I don't always understand all the hows and whys of His power in my life, but I see His hand at work.

He has never forsaken me from the moment I was born to the moment I sat down to write this article. He loved me before I even knew Him, and He has loved me in spectacular ways since I came to know Him and invited Him into my life.

I know that I have some challenges that I will have to face in the months and years ahead. But I know that He will be with me every step of the way. When I fall down, He will help me up. When I get it wrong, He will show me what is right. When I get discouraged, He will give me hope. And as He always does, when I am depressed He will give me a reason to laugh.

I talked with a friend. We talked about our struggles. But in the middle of our conversation, even as we looked at the realities of life, we had moments where we made each other laugh. And I don't mean a chuckle. I mean a good old shaky belly laugh.

We are both learning the truth is these words of Paul: **"I can do all thing through Christ who gives me strength."**

Friends, I encourage you to invite the Holy Spirit into your life so you can experience that He is "adequate" for your life. He will be "as much as is needed." See you in Church the place where Christians gather to find the power of the Holy Spirit for the living of life.

In His Service, David

September 2026						
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27	28	29	30			

			
Date:	Nursery Workers	Acolytes	Children's Church
September 6th	Millie Barkley/ Merlee Austin	Macon Morrill	Stormy Heroux/ Shelia Garrison
September 13th	Nancy Doak / Jennifer Gilbert	Becca Tawes	Tasha Curles / Carol Saunders
September 20th	Stormy Heroux / Opportunity to Serve	Kate Smith	Maria Daniels / Laura Beth Mann
September 27th	Carol Saunders / Victoria Meekins	Owen Meekins	Tricia Tawes / Millie Barkley

Monthly Schedule:

Bethany Women's Group:

Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 pm
Covered Dish

S.A.L.T. Sisters

Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm

Bethany's Table:

Wednesday, September 9
Preparation Day 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, September 10
Meals Packaged 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Deliveries 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Methodist Men:

Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Fellowship

Special dates:

Labor Day, *September 7*
Patriot Day, *September 11*
National Grandparents Day, *September 13*
Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15*
First Day of Autumn, *September 22*

Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
Live Stream: Bethany YouTube and Facebook

Tuesday

9:30 am Morning Bible Study
7:00 pm Evening Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday

9:00 am Mc Prayer
(Darrell's Restaurant)

Preschool

Tuesday - Thursday
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

MINISTRIES AT BETHANY

Meal Train – Jennifer Hamlen 919-665-7993
College Students – Sheila Garrison 804-239-5242

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Bethany2023

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You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKaNdMcGqS95YiViFQ1ydQ/>

Preacher David S. Clift
Church 252-473-5254
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Email: dsclift@gmail.com

I am reading *Mountain Man*, the story of John Colter who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their two-year expedition starting in 1804. Since he was an excellent hunter, he was tasked with going out ahead of the men to find game for their daily sustenance. Paddling upstream in the current of the Missouri River and making camp each night caused the frontiersmen to have voracious appetites. With the absence of bread and most vegetables, the explorers could consume eight to ten pounds of buffalo meat per person per day! Colter consistently delivered meat, even if the men had to sometimes eat beaver and wolf.

That bit of history makes our mission of rounding up meat each month look pretty easy. We received ground turkey, ground chicken, and pork from the Dare Challenge Women's Center. I started thinking about Asian fried rice featuring those meats plus eggs, carrots, peas, and green onions. This month, my grandkids and I went on an expedition of our own...a shrimping trip right off Skyco. We got enough shrimp to share with Bethany's Table and bring the rice dish up a notch.

Joe Winstead, who brings us excess Albemarle Food Bank items monthly, has not had anything for us in several months. He reports that Mt. Carmel Global Methodist Church in Manns Harbor is receiving smaller deliveries than they once did. Roanoke Island Food Pantry is willing to help us, too, but their resources are stretched in these inflationary times. However, Director Marcia Bryant was able to give us corn and individual portions of yogurt and fruit this month.

In another show of community support, Johanna's Catering cooked our rice to perfection in their convection ovens.

Shopping in our own pantry, we found cookies left from VBS and muffins from the bread stand. There were also green beans in the closet left from a fundraiser.

In August, we served Asian fried rice with chicken, pork, turkey, and shrimp, a slice of watermelon, green beans and corn, a cup of

yogurt, and cookies or muffins to 194 people at \$0.81 per person with 21 adult and 3 young volunteers. We had enough extra fried rice and green beans and corn to send to the lifeguards that evening.

Please continue to pray for Dewey Hemilright and his wife Sara.

Dewey is in the ICU after a stroke. Not only is he a lovely human being and an advocate for commercial fishermen, but he has also been an incredibly generous friend to Bethany's Table. He has provided golden tile for many of our meals by convincing the Mid-Atlantic Survey to donate the fish they study to charitable entities, including the Beach Food Pantry and Bethany. Being able to broker a deal like that shows you what a special guy he is. We pray for his complete healing.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR DARE CHALLENGE WOMEN'S CENTER



If you are looking for an opportunity to give, here is a list of things we could use!

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric softener/ dryer sheets
- Dishwasher liquid
- General cleaning supplies



Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and supporting our ministry!

You can drop off at 448 Old Wharf Rd. Wanchese or call Shirley at 252-489-0740 to be picked up.



2 - Bill Wilson
 2 - Percy Hunter
 4 - Selah Samson
 5 - C. C. Mihovch
 5 - Ann Mihovch
 5 - Jeremiah Daniels
 5 - Pate Newman Oxnard
 6 - Chuck Hollingsworth
 6 - Stephanie Byrd
 7 - Stella Hollingsworth
 7 - Kobe Beasley
 7 - Steve Etheridge
 8 - Tess Twyne Meekins
 8 - Lillie Callaway Leavel
 9 - Vicki Basnight
 10 - Emili James
 11 - Liam Defosse
 11 - Joey Glover
 12 - Joby Beasley
 13 - Audra Shackelford
 14 - Harry Baum, Jr.
 14 - Makayla Kathleen Burdette
 15 - Landen Davenport
 15 - Taryn Flowers
 16 - Larry Ballance Jr.
 16 - Mark Partridge
 17 - G. C. Curles
 18 - Meredith Dunnigan
 18 - Linda Warren
 18 - Ina Ruhle
 20 - Rachel Midgette
 21 - Donald Elliot
 22 - Marcy Mann
 23 - Ella Samson
 23 - Bonnie Jones
 23 - Brady James
 23 - Willie Daniels, Jr.
 23 - Hunter Byrd
 25 - Vic Daniels
 25 - Beth Rebuck
 26 - Chetty Parker
 26 - Laura Ribeiro Mann
 26 - Jeremy Daniels
 28 - Keil Samson
 30 - Vicki Mihovch Davis



9 - Bryan and Sally Defosse
 11 - Clint and Nita Hepler
 16 - Carl and Becky Beacham
 18 - Mike Brisson and Cody Dough
 21 - Jon and Cookie Utz
 24 - Bill and Lynn Wilson



TITHES

JULY AND AUGUST

We need \$6,109.33 weekly.

In July, we needed \$24,437.32 and our offerings were \$23,346.00.

In August, we needed \$30,546.65. As of August 24, our offerings were \$20,582.00.



BETHANY METHODIST MEN MEETING

On September 10, the Bethany men will meet (now the second Thursday of each month). We will share the meeting with Dare Challenge participants.

We will have dinner starting at 6:30, a devotion, and the program will probably be the beginning of a David Jeremiah series.

Our ultimate goal of growing the Methodist Men fellowship which will also include involving young men.

I personally thank all the men who helped with the last Lifeguards' dinner.

I encourage you to join us to learn and grow in our faith in Jesus.

Larry Franklin

Bethany Methodist Men's Leader

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES MINISTRY



We would like to thank everyone who brought in school supplies or gave a love gift. We raised \$825.00

And collected 174 items. This money was used to purchase gift cards from Staples to give to the schools. The school counselors give the cards and supplies to families that are in need.



William Carey Griffin
 Born June 9, 2026
 7 lbs 13 ozs 20 inches long
 Parents:
 Dylon and Anna Griffin
 Sister: Harper
 Brother: Matthew "Hewy"

Grandparents: David and Tricia Tawes
 Troy and Jennifer Griffin
 Great-Grandparents: Carl and Becky Beacham
 Wayne and Patsy Stranger
 Mike and Deedee Harrell
 Great-Great Grandparents: Dorita Ballance
 Alvah Ward



Sara Basnight became a member of Bethany Church of Wanchese on Sunday, August 16, 2026.



LUNCHEON WITH PRESCHOOL

Thursday, September 24
 11:00 am – 12:00 noon
 Come out and meet our
 2026 – 2027 class and their
 families.

thank
 you



Meredith & Sara,

We will cherish the memories
 made the past 7 months. Thank
 you for sharing time in faith and
 teaching our Sunday school class.
 We pray you have a blessed first
 year of college.

Love,
 your young ladies Sunday school
 class



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



CHARGE CONFERENCE



Sunday, September 27
 3:00 pm
 Mt. Carmel Global
 Methodist Church in
 Manns Habor

SEPTEMBER 2026

GOD IS WITH US... AND WE ARE ONE IN HIM.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

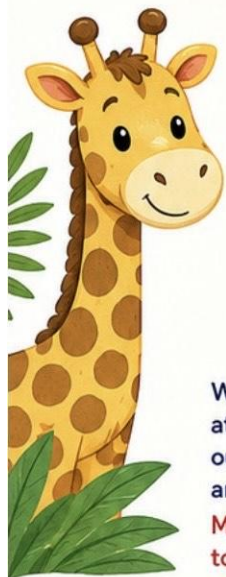
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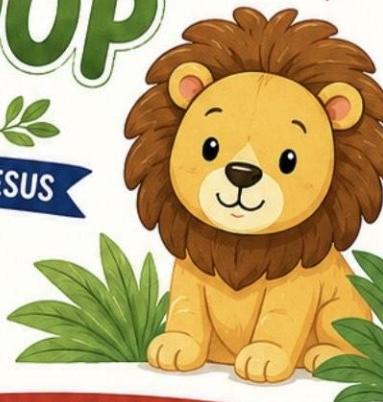
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20	21	22 9:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Evening Bible Study	23 6:30 Praise Team Practice	24 11:00 – 12:00 Fellowship Luncheon With Preschool	25 9:00 McPrayer Photos Taken For Church Directory 25 & 26 Friday 25 2:00 – 8:36 Sat. 26 10:00 – 3:48	26 5k Race 7:30 Gathering 8:00 Race 8:00 – 11:00 Pancake Breakfast Wanchese Community Building
27 3:00 Charge Conference Mt. Carmel	28	29 9:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Evening Bible Study	30 6:30 Praise Team Practice			



BETHANY PRESCHOOL SAFARI SCOOP

SEPTEMBER EDITION

LEARNING • GROWING • FOLLOWING JESUS



We are so excited to begin another wonderful school year at Bethany Preschool! September is all about settling into our classroom, learning new routines, making new friends, and beginning a year full of learning and growing together.

Most importantly, we are thankful for the opportunity to teach our preschoolers about Jesus and how much He loves them!

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Throughout September, our little explorers will be learning through hands-on activities, songs, stories, crafts, and play.

We will be working on:

ABC

Letters

123

Numbers



Colors



Shapes



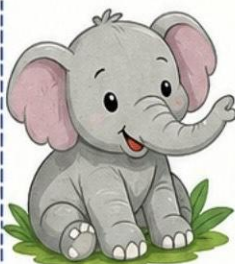
Our Names



Classroom Routines

We will also be practicing important skills like sharing, listening, following directions, being kind, and becoming more independent.

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD



Bible time is an important part of every day at Bethany Preschool. We will learn Bible stories, pray together, sing about Jesus, and begin memorizing Scripture.

*"The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want."*

Psalm 23:1

Our prayer is that the truths planted in their hearts now will stay with them as they grow!

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY!

Thank you for loving, supporting, and praying for Bethany Preschool and the children and families we serve.

Our preschool is more than a classroom. It is a ministry and an opportunity to show little ones the love of Jesus each and every day.

Please keep our students, families, Mrs. Becky, and Mrs. Emma in your prayers as we begin this new school year!



SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



September 10
Red, White & Blue Dress-Up Day

Our preschoolers are invited to wear red, white, and blue!



September 19
Mrs. Becky's Birthday!

Help us wish Mrs. Becky a very happy birthday!



September 24 at 11:00 AM
Fellowship Luncheon

We are looking forward to a special time of food and fellowship with our preschool families!

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER



October 1
Show & Tell

Our preschoolers will get to bring something special to share with their classmates!



Fire Safety Week

We will be learning all about fire safety and will have a special firetruck visit to the preschool!



Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

We are looking forward to a fun fall trip to the pumpkin patch!
Date: TBD



October 29
Animal Dress-Up Party

Our little explorers can come to school dressed as their favorite animal for a fun day of celebrating together!



♥ HERE'S TO A WILDLY WONDERFUL YEAR! ♥

BETHANY CHURCH OF WANCHESE

Drive-Thru

Shrimp Dinner

SEPTEMBER 11TH
4:00 PM

COST:
DONATIONS

FRIED SHRIMP
COLE SLAW
GREEN BEANS
HUSH PUPPIES
BAKE SALE

DRIVE-THRU STYLE IN THE
CHURCH PARKING LOT!
101 OLD WHARF RD.
WANCHESE, NC



BETHANY CHURCH OF WANCHESE

11TH ANNUAL BREAK THE CHAINS 5K

5K BREAK THE CHAINS



REGISTRATION
BY
DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS
GO TOWARDS
**LOCAL
SUBSTANCE
ABUSE
TREATMENT.**

DONATE ON
OUR WEBSITE
OR IN
PERSON!

SEPTEMBER 26 2026

GATHERING: 7:30AM - STARTING: 8:00AM

**WANCHESE COMMUNITY
BUILDING**

For More Information Contact :
DENISE MANN (252) 473-5254

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/261884227773064> or Scan the QR Code!

BETHANY CHURCH OF WANCHESE

Pancake Breakfast



September 26th

All Proceeds go
towards Haiti
Missions!

8:00AM - 11:00 AM
Wanchese Community
Building





VBS MISSION PROJECT

\$2050.00 RAISED FOR HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

A MATING PAIR OF COWS

- Includes a heifer and a bull, Increasing farm productivity.
- Provide valuable offspring, which can be raised or sold at market.

2 HIVES OF HONEYBEES

- Includes a bee package, hive, box and training in beekeeping techniques.
- Increases the global honeybee population to support the environment.

4 FLOCKS OF CHICKENS

- A flock of chicks will provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks and training

2 GOATS

- A goat provides milk, cheese and butter for nourishment.
- On small farms, goats are often the key to a family's survival.

2 SHEEP

- The wool sheep provide is a valuable resource, providing warm clothing for families and children living in harsh environments.
- Sheep can also provide milk for hungry families.

WATER BUFFALO

- A water buffalo will provide rich milk that is high in protein and nutrients.
- Water buffalo also make farming easier by tilling fields and providing fertilizer.

GARDEN SEEDS

- Includes a variety of fruit and vegetable seedlings and saplings, along with education about healthy soil.

6 FOOD BASKETS

- Heifer's Food Basket provides families with a variety of nutritious products to help them overcome hunger.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all so much for donating and helping to make a difference in the lives of families in need!

Thank you VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank all the parents for sharing their children with us this year at Vacation Bible School. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered with helping with children's groups, crafts, games, and in the kitchen. We would also like to thank all the different groups and people who provided food each night. We are grateful to everyone who donated.

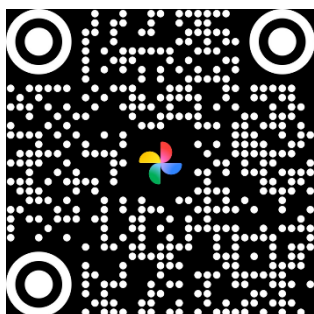
Average attendance for the week: 164 children 67 adults.

We ministered to 208 children.

Total money collected for Heifer International \$2,050.00.

Here is a link for a google photo album so you can see all the fun we had during Vacation Bible School

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FUNDRAISER:

Friday, September 11

It takes a lot of helping hands to make a great fundraiser. So, if you have some time to help out, please contact Denise Mann 252-216-6373.



We need people to bake homemade cakes, pies, brownies, fudge, rice Krispie treats, cupcakes, etc. for the bake sale. (No desserts that need to be refrigerated, please).

You will need to bring your baked items to the Church dining room by 1:00 pm on Friday, September 11.

CHURCH DIRECTORY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need volunteers to be hosts on Friday, September 25, from 1:30 pm – 9:00 pm and Saturday, September 26, from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm for our Church Directory Pictures. Each host will be asked to work a two-hour shift.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the folder on Denise Mann's office door.

Here is the link to the event page:

SIGN UP
sheet



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Our Prayer List... *In Your Mercies Lord. Hear our Prayers*

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Harry Baum, Jr.	Dewey Hemilright
Carl Beacham	Linda Midgett
Jay Cudworth	Jean Tillett

ONGOING PRAYERS

Roy and Sharon Ambrose	Dawn Gerakaris
Gregory Austin	Siobhan Hall
Dylan Baker	Kristine Hamilton
DeLana Barkley	Ruth Hayes
Wayne Barnett	Ted Hemilright
Walter Baum	Linda Mann
Tatum Beale	Karen Martin
Mike Beasley	Babs Meekins
Freddie Blackmon	R. S. Meekins
G. G. Bonner	Paul Midgett
Nathan Boone	Ted Midgett
Jimmy Bulfin	Brandy Flynt Moore
Carol Copeland	Linda O'Neal
Eric Craddock	Missy Ogden
Karl Daniels	Holly Presgrave
Jennifer Delio	Sharon Ralph
Katy Dettmer	Johnnie Robbins
Joe Doak	Scott Sawyer
Linda Dunn	Stan Sawyer
Karen Etheridge	Ashley Seay
Sharen Etheridge	Gayle Tillett
Jordan Ford	Lacy Williams
	Joe Willis



Logan Bonner	Unspoken
Elizabeth Chabay	Unsaved
Jason Galloway	Caregivers
Kyle Gaskill, Jr.	Haiti
Darren Gibbs	Our Nation and Leaders
Dylon Griffin	People in Nursing Homes
Vova Lebediev	The Peace of Israel
Colby Moore	Those in Prison
John Snider	Ukraine
Jonson Utz	

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Edith Gaskill

Family of Laura Tillett



BETHANY MISSIONS IN ACTION!

Local-

*FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Manteo Middle readies for the new academic year at Manteo Middle and High Schools led by our local Outer Banks area representative Emilie Preiser. Bethany's support helps with weekly on-campus outreach activities as well as special events held throughout the year. Contact is Emilie Preiser, epreiser@fca.org

*Outer Banks Dare Challenge recently graduated 3 women and 2 men from their respective programs. Bethany continues to support and minister to both groups. More info can be found at outerbanksdarechallenge.org

Regional-

*Eastern NC GMC Missions- A list of approved Missional Partners has been published and is available at ncglobalmethodist.org. More information will be shared as the conference continues to develop programs. Contact: Paul Dunham, Missions Chair GMC, paul.dunham@ncglobalmethodist.org

*Roster updates are needed for Bethany's Collegiate Support Program (new students, new addresses, grads leaving the program). The tentative date for the next shipment of care packages is October 20, 2026. Please send roster updates to Denise, or sheila.garrison8@gmail.com

International-

*Ecuador Mission (Assembly of God World Missions (AGWM.org) led by Jennifer and Mickey Daniels is busier than ever in 2026. They have planted a new church in the village of El Pueblito, Ecuador. First starting with a kids club and then opening up for adults, the congregation has grown to 30 children (15 moms), 15 teens, and a dozen or so core members. Workshops and services (including for families on Sundays) are held in a community building until a permanent location can be acquired. Ecuador newsletters are received quarterly & posted near the Bethany Fellowship Hall. The photo shows participants at a recent faith gathering provided by Jennifer. Contacts: mickeydaniels27@yahoo.com, jenniferdaniels@rocketmail.com.

*A Haiti pancake breakfast fundraiser is scheduled 8-11 am, Sat., Sept. 26 (Wanchese Community Bldg.) Contact Craig/Chetty Parker 252-553-0718 for more information



The church has scheduled a time for pictures to be taken for a new **CHURCH DIRECTORY**. Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 25, from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. You can sign up online Monday – Friday. For those who prefer signing up on paper, that can be done at church on Sundays. This information is on the table in the sanctuary near the entrance doors. **We need everyone to sign up as quickly as possible to make sure we have enough time slots.** If we need more slots, they will add a third day for appointments.

To sign up online go to www.ucdir.com
Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled photography appointment scheduling login

Enter your church code **nc629**

Enter your church password **photos629**

You can also use this QR code to get to the web site



The more pictures we have taken, the more credits we get to have extra church group pictures. There will also be an up-to-date roster with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

Each family will get a free 8 X 10 picture and a directory. You do not have to purchase additional pictures.



Feeding the Lifeguards
August 2026

30-Day Scripture Writing Challenge

september

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| ☐ Sept. 1 Nehemiah 1:11 | ☐ Sept. 17 Matthew 19:25-26 |
| ☐ Sept. 2 Genesis 50:20 | ☐ Sept. 18 Ephesians 2:8 |
| ☐ Sept. 3 Psalm 5:12 | ☐ Sept. 19 Ezekiel 18:32 |
| ☐ Sept. 4 Psalm 128:1-2 | ☐ Sept. 20 Psalm 16:11 |
| ☐ Sept. 5 Matthew 6:26-27 | ☐ Sept. 21 James 4:7 |
| ☐ Sept. 6 Revelation 7:17 | ☐ Sept. 22 Acts 26:28-29 |
| ☐ Sept. 7 Exodus 34:21 | ☐ Sept. 23 Lamentations 3:25-26 |
| ☐ Sept. 8 Ecclesiastes 5:18 | ☐ Sept. 24 Habakkuk 2:3 |
| ☐ Sept. 9 Psalm 127:1 | ☐ Sept. 25 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 |
| ☐ Sept. 10 Colossians 3:23 | ☐ Sept. 26 2 Peter 3:9 |
| ☐ Sept. 11 1 Thessalonians 1:3 | ☐ Sept. 27 Esther 4:14 |
| ☐ Sept. 12 Psalm 128:2 | ☐ Sept. 28 1 Peter 4:8 |
| ☐ Sept. 13 2 Thessalonians 3:10 | ☐ Sept. 29 Proverbs 12:25 |
| ☐ Sept. 14 Jude 1:21 | ☐ Sept. 30 1 John 4:18-19 |
| ☐ Sept. 15 1 John 5:13-14 | |
| ☐ Sept. 16 Romans 6:23 | |

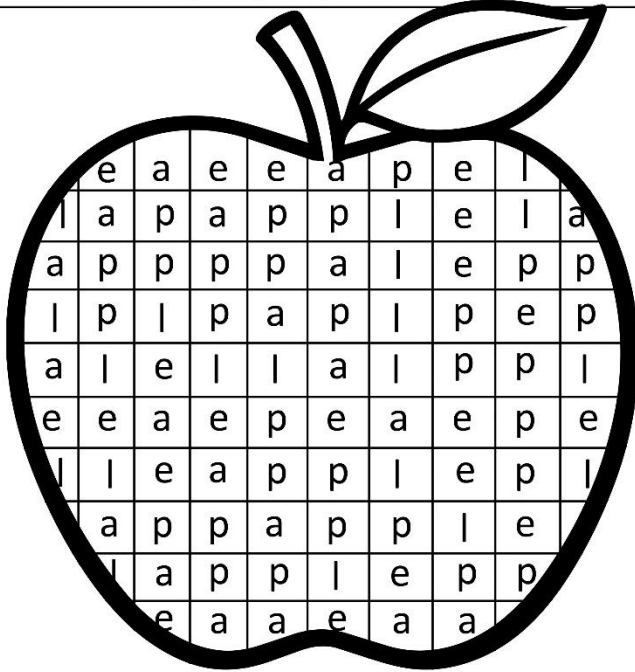
Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!

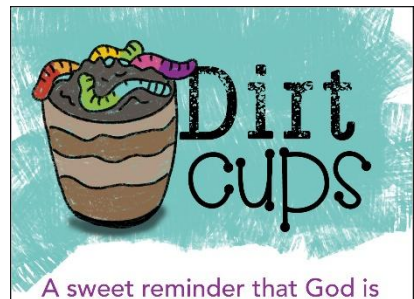
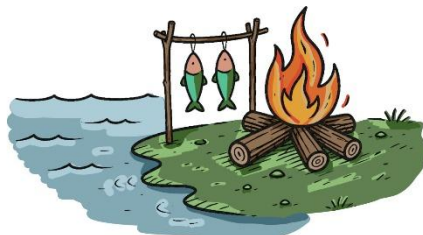


Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: (John 21:17)



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

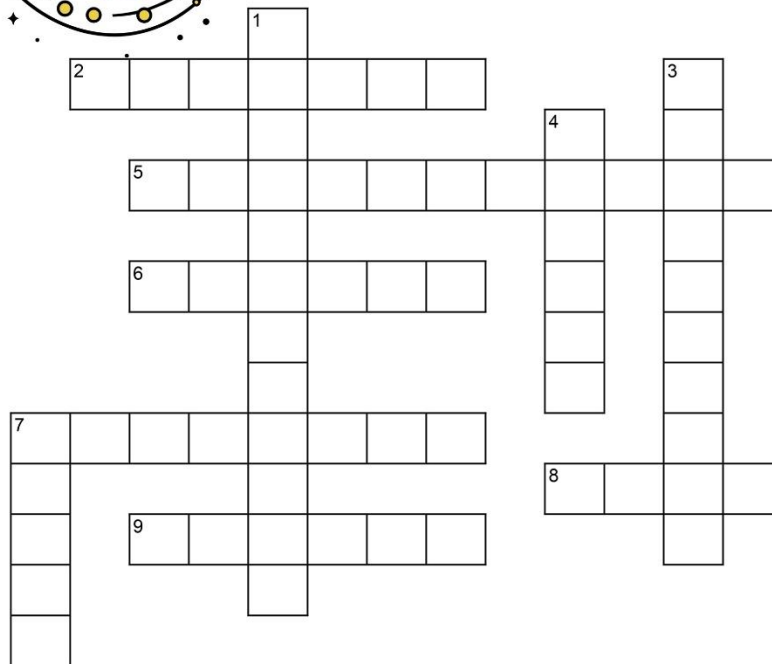


Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

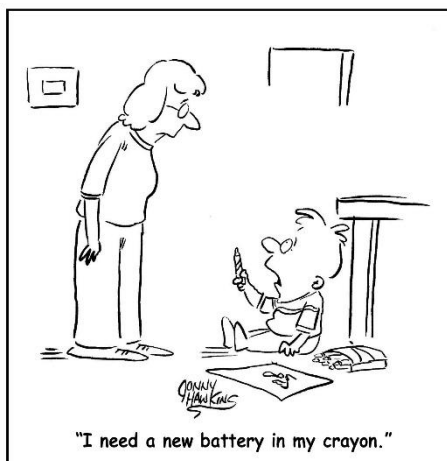
2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pureinheart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poorinspirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn

Return Service Requested



A PRAYER FOR JOY AND LAUGHTER

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.
—Anonymous